

# Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

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## ***This week's activities of note from the Town Manager's Office:***

- A mailing went out this week to condominium owners requesting input on a proposed zoning change to allow year round occupancy of condominium units. Condominium owners may access the survey at: <https://www.truro-ma.gov/town-planner/pages/survey-for-year-round-condominium-owners>
- Members of Town staff and the community enjoyed a lovely Thanksgiving lunch at the Truro Central School on the 21st. We thank the school and the parent volunteers for inviting us to such a wonderful event.
- Staff and I met with a group of citizens concerned about the Swap Shop. It was a great discussion and we will continue to work together on the current building and redesigning a new space.
- I attended a focus group on energy efficiency at Cape Light Compact. These stakeholder groups will help the Compact form their next planning document.

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Monday, December 4, 2017-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee at Truro Town Hall @ 5:00pm
- Monday, December 4, 2017-Conservation Commission at Truro Town Hall @ 6:00pm
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017-Truro Board of Selectmen at Truro Town Hall @ 5:00pm
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017-Bike and Walkways Committee at Truro Public Safety Facility @ 6:00pm
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017-Board of Health at Truro Town Hall @ 4:30pm
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017-Planning Board at Truro Town Hall @ 6:00pm
- Friday, December 8, 2017-Open Space Committee at Truro Town Hall @ 1:00pm

## **Department News:**

### Police Department

- Truro's newest Police Officers, Andrew Starboard and Sara Lake are on week number two of the Department's Field Training and Evaluation Program. They are under the direction and supervision of Field Training Officers, Sergeant Jeremiah Valli and Officer Leo Rose.
- Sergeant Craig Bayer is attending a Command Training Series, First Line Supervisor Course at the Roger Williams University School of Justice Studies & Research Institute. Upon successful completion, he will graduate on Friday, December 8, 2017.
- On Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> Grandmothers Against Gun Violence launched a LOCK IT UP\* campaign at the Yarmouth Police Department. The LOCK IT UP project is directed to responsible gun owners in an effort to save young lives from accidental death or injury from unsecured firearms. As it gets underway, the LOCK IT UP program will be distributing rack cards containing pertinent gun safety information to Cape Cod Police Stations, libraries, post offices and also the Cape's medical community, who will make them available to parents and caregivers. Truro Police Chief Craig Danziger attended. The Truro Police Department fully supports this important cause. (\*See attached informational photo).
- As a reminder, The Truro Police Department is participating in this year's Stuff-A-Bus Toys For Tots Challenge\*. We will be collecting toys until December 10<sup>th</sup>. All Toys should be new and unwrapped. You can drop them off at any of the following locations: The lobby of the Truro Public Safety Facility, The Truro Community Center, Savory & The Sweet Escape, the Truro Post Office, The North Truro Post Office, Seamen's Bank, the Truro Central School, and the Salty Market. The members of the Truro Police Department would like to say thank you. We are humbled by the generosity shown by our supportive Truro Community. (\*See Attached photo).

### Fire Department

- The Department responded to 9 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 8 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 14 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- The Fire Chief attended a training seminar that focused on controlling fire ground conditions as they relate to the movement of air in structures that are on fire. The course was designed to show how you

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can affect fire growth by controlling air movement into a structure.

- The Fire Department took the delivery of some new equipment from the National Park Service who generously donated some much need equipment, a new gas powered chainsaw, new electric powered chain saw and a gas powered pruning saw. The Park Service will be conducting chain saw training for department members in the spring.
- As we enter into the holiday season and although it is a great time to be with friends and family it is unfortunately also a time that sees an increase in fires so provided below are some holiday and Christmas tree safety tips to help keep everyone's holiday a happy and safe one.
- Holiday Safety  
[http://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/Winter\\_Holiday\\_Safety.pdf](http://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/Winter_Holiday_Safety.pdf)
- Christmas Tree Safety  
<http://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/ChristmasTreeSafetyTips.pdf>

## Department of Public Works

- Preconstruction meeting for the Transfer Station scale was held. As part of the preconstruction meeting the scale layout was clearly marked, on the proposed location, and Dig Safe will be notified.
- A Facility evaluation of the Transfer Station Swap Shop has been completed by DPW Director Cabral, Chief Collins, Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe, and the Building Commissioner. Results of the evaluation are currently under review.
- The DPW has announced a sealed bid auction for organic material (Yard Waste) to be screened and removed from the Transfer Station.
- **As a reminder the Transfer Station will be closed a half day on Sunday the 24th of December, and a half day on Sunday the 31st of December 2017. Operating hours on those days are 7:30am- 11:30am.**
- Standard seasonal roadside brush clearing has been completed, all Paved Town Roads. Have been trimmed back to accommodate emergency vehicles. Wood chips from roadside clearing will be available at the Transfer Station for any permitted resident for personal use only. All Roadsides will now be evaluated for any potential full grown tree that may be dead or dying, and may need to be removed do to the close proximity to a Town Road.
- All DPW snow removal assets have been inventoried and serviced for the upcoming season; all sanders have been installed in the larger vehicles for the duration of the winter season.
- Work on the East Harbor culvert area is tentatively scheduled to begin the third week of December with soil boring and test pits to be accomplished by DPW staff with oversight by the Woods Hole Group.

## Harbormaster

- Shellfish activity over the week-end was met with 50 degree temperatures and winds whipping through Pamet Harbor bringing 70 or so people close to noon time.
- The Harbor Master launched the boat to take water samples with the state official assigned to our area and took 5 samples at the designated stations in approved waters as well as an additional station near pollution sources that are currently closed to see if the water quality will improve so we can eventually have access to areas that are abundant in shellfish.
- Doug Cameron with the Department of Fish and Game who joined the Harbormaster and DPW Director Jarrod Cabral to determine Capital costs the State will cover at Pamet Harbor and also go over plans provided by Coastal Engineering describing two floating docks that will be added to our existing docks.

## Assessing

- Continuing with the FY18 Residential Exemption implementation & review process.
- Statutory Exemption & Residential Exemption applications continue to be accepted until April 1, 2018 at 4:00pm.

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- Beginning preparation for FY19 data analysis.

Library

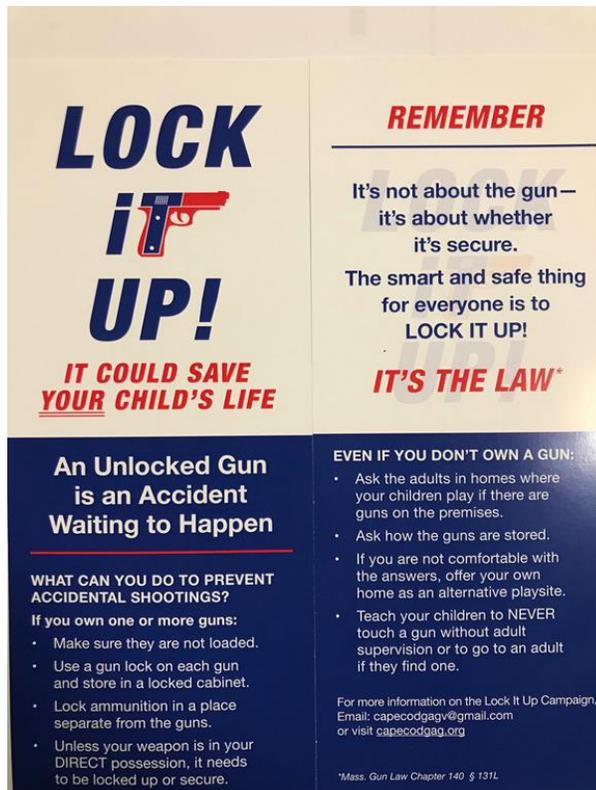
- Dianne Schermerhorn will be the featured artist in the Anne H. Brock Community Room for the month of December. She creates representational work in acrylics, oil, and watercolor.
- Children are invited to play with Lego on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-noon.
- Also on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, but at 1:00 p.m. Jamila Colozzi will present on Ayurvedic health practices, one of the oldest healing systems.

Administration

- To date, the office has sold 108 Annual shell fish permits. 10 of those permits are non-resident. We have also issued 38 permits to residents 62 years of age or older.

Attachments

LOCK IT UP Campaign



**LOCK IT UP!**  
*IT COULD SAVE YOUR CHILD'S LIFE*

**REMEMBER**

It's not about the gun—  
it's about whether  
it's secure.

The smart and safe thing  
for everyone is to  
**LOCK IT UP!**

**IT'S THE LAW\***

**An Unlocked Gun  
is an Accident  
Waiting to Happen**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT  
ACCIDENTAL SHOOTINGS?**

**If you own one or more guns:**

- Make sure they are not loaded.
- Use a gun lock on each gun and store in a locked cabinet.
- Lock ammunition in a place separate from the guns.
- Unless your weapon is in your DIRECT possession, it needs to be locked up or secure.

**EVEN IF YOU DON'T OWN A GUN:**

- Ask the adults in homes where your children play if there are guns on the premises.
- Ask how the guns are stored.
- If you are not comfortable with the answers, offer your own home as an alternative playsite.
- Teach your children to NEVER touch a gun without adult supervision or to go to an adult if they find one.

For more information on the Lock It Up Campaign,  
Email: [capecodgagv@gmail.com](mailto:capecodgagv@gmail.com)  
or visit [capecodgag.org](http://capecodgag.org)

\*Mass. Gun Law Chapter 140 § 131L

Toys for Tots

**THE TRURO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEARS  
STUFF-A-BUS  
CHALLENGE**

We will be collecting toys until December 9th for



**ALL TOYS SHOULD BE NEW AND UNWRAPPED  
AND DROPPED OFF AT ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS:**

- TRURO PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY**
- TRURO COMMUNITY CENTER**
- SAVORY AND THE SWEET ESCAPE**
- TRURO POST OFFICE**
- NORTH TRURO POST OFFICE**
- SEAMENS BANK**
- TRURO CENTRAL SCHOOL**
- SALTY MARKET**

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Fire Chief Training



Park Service Equipment Donation



Chief Ranger Leslie Reynolds ,Truro Fire Chief Tim Collins, Eastham Fire Chief Ken Farrenkopf and Fire Management Officer David Crary Jr.

